

# ***UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST***

## ***SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS***

### ***OCTOBER 2001***

The Schedule of Proposed Actions inside these pages cover environmental analyses in progress on the Umpqua National Forest. This publication is our way of keeping you informed and involved in our plans and progress. We focus these activities on protecting, conserving, using, and restoring forest ecosystems. Each activity lists a contact person if you want additional information or to share ideas.

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Sincerely,

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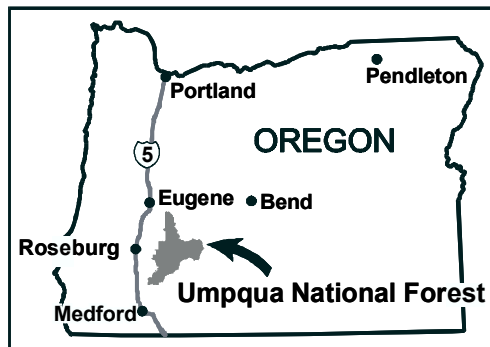
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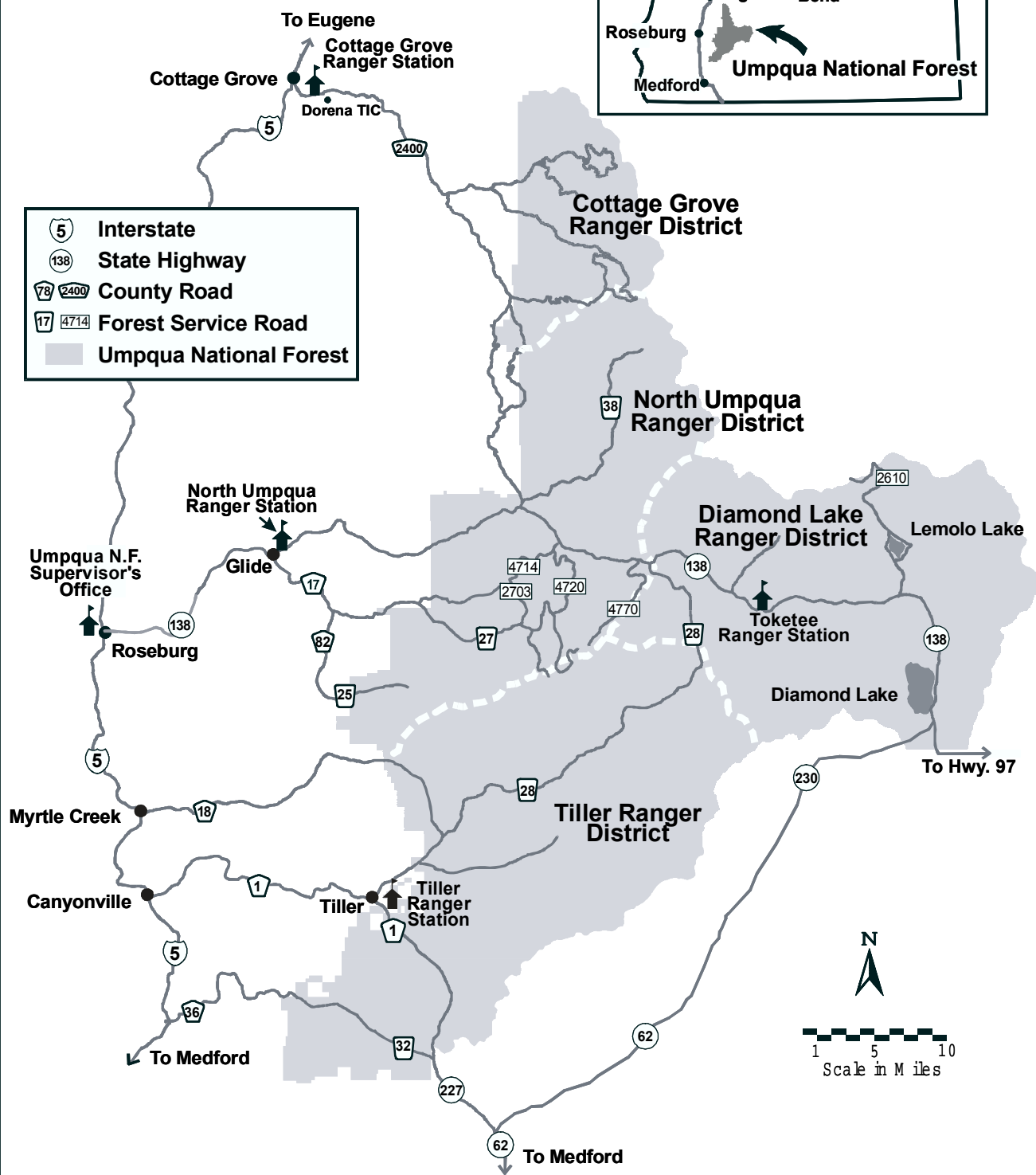
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# Umpqua National Forest



-  Interstate
-  State Highway
-  County Road
-  Forest Service Road
-  Umpqua National Forest



## **RELEASE OF NAMES – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Please Note: The Office of General Council in the Department of Agriculture determined that the names and addresses of persons who respond to solicitations for comments for Forest Service projects are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and subject to public review. Comments received in response to the actions in this publication, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments received anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted only in very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 15 days.

## ***SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE***

### **Current Activities**

#### **Integrated Noxious Weed Management**

**Proposal:** This Environmental Assessment defines the Integrated Weed Management Strategy for the Forest, including prevention of new infestations, identification of high priority weed infestation areas on the Forest, and recommendations of possible treatments of existing sites.

**Location:** Forest-wide

**Public Input:** Scoping began in October of 1995.

**Status:** The 30-day comment period has been completed.

**Projected Decision Date:** This decision is on hold pending a proposal to address noxious weeds with a Regional EIS.

**Contact Person:** Richard Helliwell

#### **Forest Plan Amendment – Minerals Standards and Guidelines**

**Proposal:** Amends Northwest Forest Plan Minerals Management-1 Standard and Guideline for the Umpqua National Forest. MM-1 requires a Plan of Operation for any activity within a Riparian Reserve. This Standard and

Guideline conflicts with the Code of Federal Regulations. Under the Code of Federal Regulations, District Rangers have the authority to determine whether a Plan of Operation is necessary for activities within Riparian Reserves. The amendment would put the Umpqua National Forest in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Location:** Forest-wide

**Public Input:** Scoping began in January of 1998.

**Status:** Input is still being accepted on this project.

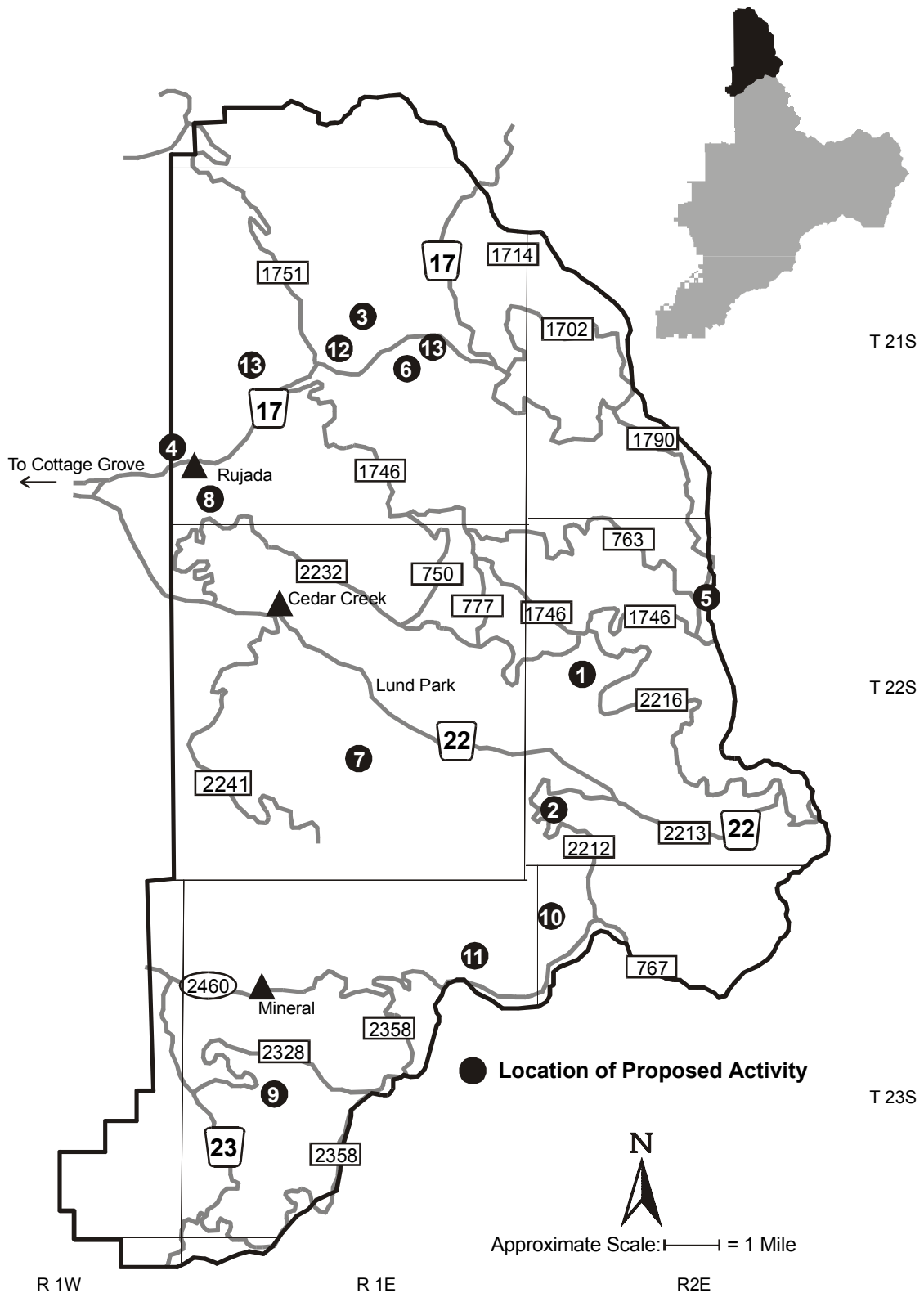
**Projected Decision Date:** This decision is on hold pending input from the Regional Office.

**Contact Person:** Jake O'Dowd

### **Projects with Decision Made During the Previous Quarter**

None at this time.

# Cottage Grove Ranger District



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# COTTAGE GROVE RANGER DISTRICT

## Timber Stand Management Projects

The environmental analyses for these stand management projects have been suspended until completion of Survey and Manage Species surveys required by the Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan (1994). Original project proposals and design may change substantially, based on the application of additional protection requirements.

### 1 Wyatt Timber Sale

**Proposal:** To harvest timber on approximately 219 acres. Proposed is to apply a partial harvest prescription to approximately 104 acres and a regeneration prescription (15% retention) in 6 harvest units totaling 115 acres. The purpose of this project is to provide alternative volume for replacement of volume lost by cancellation of specific timber sales on the Siuslaw National Forest, and to provide wood fiber as a commodity in support of the local and regional economies.

**Location:** Brice Creek Watershed. T22S, R2E, Sec. 17, 18, 19, & 20. Project is within Matrix land.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in April 1997. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Completing Survey & Manage Species surveys.

**Projected Decision Date:** January 2002

**Contact Person:** Wayne Kleckner

### 2 Northnoon Timber Sale

**Proposal:** To harvest timber on approximately 235 acres, all designated as matrix lands. Proposed is to convert approximately 15% of this area to gaps for regeneration, 1.5 to 2 acres in size. Dispersed Green-Tree-Retention trees will be retained in these openings. Approximately 75% of the remaining area will be treated by thinning trees in smaller size classes. The purpose of this project is to: 1) Distribute the growth potential of the site to the most vigorously growing trees; 2) Reintroduce early seral vegetation in gaps; 3) Establish an uneven-aged management regime on matrix lands by converting timber stands that are in the transitional stage of forest development, through a combination of thinning treatment and group selection openings.

**Location:** Brice Creek Watershed. T22S, R1E, Sec. 25; T22S, R2E, Sec. 30 & 31. Project is within Matrix land.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in March 1998. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Completing Survey & Manage Species surveys.

**Projected Decision Date:** March 2002

**Contact Person:** Wayne Kleckner

### 3 Herman Thin Timber Sale

**Proposal:** To conduct commercial thinning (an intermediate harvest) on approximately 500 acres of overstocked timber stands. These stands will be prioritized for treatment based on conventional methods of estimating density. Timber stand exam information such as number of trees per acre, diameter increment growth, tree heights and diameters, and live crown ratios will be used in assessing tree growth compared to the site potential. Harvest treatments will consist of commercial thinning of 35-55 year old Douglas-fir stands in the following drainages: Herman Creek, East Fork Junetta and Lower Junetta Creek, and Mid Layng East drainage.

**Location:** Layng Creek Watershed. T20S, R1E, Sec. 33; T21S, R1E Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, & 23. Project is within Matrix and Riparian Reserve land.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in January 1999. Input is being accepted on this project.

**Status:** An interdisciplinary team has been selected and is currently conducting the environmental analysis. Issues are being identified, which will be used to formulate alternatives to the proposed action. Surveys are being conducted for those species on the Survey & Manage list.

**Projected Decision Date:** February 2002

**Contact Person:** Susan Johnson

## Watershed Restoration and Improvement Projects

### 4 Layng Creek Dam(s) Removal Project

**Proposal:** To remove 3 concrete dams within the Layng Creek Watershed no longer needed for the City of Cottage Grove's municipal watershed operations. Two of these dams (Rujada and Dinner) were at one time used for the City of Cottage Grove's municipal watershed. The City has not used these dams for many years and has determined that they are no longer needed. The East Fork Prather Dam was built by the Forest Service. It has been breached and is no longer needed. The purpose of this project is to restore habitat connectivity for aquatic species, sediment regimes within the streams, and the physical integrity of the stream channels.

**Location:** Layng Creek Watershed. Rujada Dam is in Layng Creek at the Rujada Campground, T21S, R1E, Sec. 31; Dinner Dam is within Dinner Creek, T21S, R1E, Sec. 29; and East Fork Prather Dam is within an eastern tributary to Prather Creek, T21S, R1, Sec. 30. Project is within a Riparian Reserve.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in March 1999. Input is being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Resource information is being collected.

**Projected Decision Date:** April 2002

**Contact Person:** Laurie Bernstein

### **6 Brice Creek and Martin Creek Aquatic Restoration Project**

**Proposal:** To enhance aquatic habitat by increasing channel complexity, provide cover habitat, and improve riparian conditions. Large wood and boulder instream structures will be installed within Brice Creek and Martin Creeks. In addition, riparian tree conditions along Brice Creek will be enhanced by releasing understory conifers and by planting trees. Trees to be removed are small diameter and will not be commercially harvested.

**Location:** The riparian enhancement will occur in several areas along Brice Creek between the confluence of Cedar Creek and Grass Creek, T22S, R1E, Sec. 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, and 24; T22S, R2E, Sec. 29, 30, and 33. The instream structures will be installed within .25 miles of Brice Creek near the confluence with Crawfish Creek, T22S, R1E, Sec. 16. Instream structures will also be installed along .25 miles in Martin Creek, T23S, R1W, Sec. 13. Project is within Riparian Reserves.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in August 2000 and with the mailing of the October SOPA.

**Status:** The project is being dropped.

**Contact Person:** Laurie Bernstein

### **5 Holland Point (Management ignited prescribed burn)**

**Proposal:** To utilize management ignited prescribed fire to burn approximately 153 acres of brush fields and understory vegetation in Holland Meadows. The purpose of this project is to reintroduce fire to the ecosystem, in order to release native plant seed banks, increase vigor of native plants, reduce non-native plant populations, enhance wildlife habitat, and slow tree and shrub encroachment within identified areas.

**Location:** Holland Meadows, T22S, R2E, Sec. 16. Project is within Matrix land.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in April 1998. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Completing Survey and Manage Species surveys. Analysis should be completed by early Summer of 2001.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001

**Contact Person:** Bev Reed

### **6 Dry Meadows FY2001 (Management ignited Prescribed Burn)**

**Proposal:** To utilize management ignited prescribed fire to burn approximately 45 acres of meadows on matrix

lands in the Brice Creek and Layng Creek Watersheds. Based on recommendations from the Watershed Analyses, the purpose of this project is to reintroduce fire to the ecosystem in order to release native plant seed banks, increase vigor of native plants, reduce non-native plant populations, enhance wildlife habitat, and slow tree and shrub encroachment within identified areas. A research/study will be done during this project to evaluate fire effects on plants in dry meadow/oak complex.

**Location:** Brice Creek Watershed and Layng Creek Watershed. Project is within Matrix land.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in April 1998. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Completing Survey and Manage Species surveys. Analysis should be completed by early Summer 2001.

**Projected Decision Date:** April 2002

**Contact Person:** Bev Reed

### **12 Layng Creek Snag Enhancement Project**

**Proposal:** Girdle approximately 9-30 trees per acre in previously harvested 40-55 year old stands that are within the Riparian Reserve system in order to create snags. Trees selected for girdling would be co-dominant or dominant Douglas-fir trees. Up to 650 acres may be treated.

**Location:** Layng Creek Watershed, T21S, R1E, Sec. 2,3,4,6,7,9,10,11,13,14,15,16,21,22,24, and 25.

**Public Input:** Scoping begins with the publication of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Beginning analysis.

**Projected Decision Date:** March 2002

**Contact Person:** Rob Cox

### **13 Layng Creek Riparian Restoration Project**

**Proposal:** Restore approximately 2.5 acres of riparian vegetation in two locations that have been degraded from stockpiled gravel, debris slide material, and the creation of roadbeds. The areas would be planted with local native seed plant species, trees, shrubs, and grasses. Purchased trees, shrubs, and grasses would come from required seed zones; others would be collected and transplanted from within the drainage and appropriate elevation bands. Coarse wood (one truck load) currently stored at the Forest Service work center would be moved to the site. Additionally, there would be an effort to control noxious and non-native plant species by hand pulling and grubbing. Heavy equipment would contour the debris material that has been mounded and disperse coarse wood over the site. One culvert on the access road would be removed and drainage restored.

**Location:** The stockpile area is located on the south side of Layng Creek. T21S, R1E, Secs. 20 and 23.

**Public Input:** Scoping begins with the publication of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Beginning analysis.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001

**Contact Persons:** Rob Cox, Laurie Bernstein, and Melissa Kirkland

## Facilities – Repair and Development

### 8 Rujada Campground Vegetation Management Project

**Proposal:** To apply a density management treatment by removing specific trees within Rujada Campground, create 2-6 new campsites, redesign several existing campsites to accommodate RV users, plant trees and shrubs, and remove hazardous trees and/or limbs. The purpose is to promote a healthy timber stand within the campground, reduce insect and disease susceptibility, promote species and structural diversity, retain or enhance existing campsite characteristics, reduce potential hazards to users, and enhance recreational experiences.

**Location:** Layng Creek Watershed, Rujada Campground. T21S, R1E, Sec. 31. Project is within a Riparian Reserve.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in March 1999. Input is being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Analysis is ongoing. An environmental document is being prepared.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001

**Contact Person:** Wayne Kleckner

## Mining Projects

### 9 Star Group Lode Claims

**Proposal:** To conduct tunneling in one lode claim and mineral exploration in two claims, and to process the mined ore.

**Location:** Sharps Creek Watershed, T23S, R1E, Sec. 21 & 22. Project is within Matrix and Riparian Reserve land.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the publication of the January 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed Plan of Operation has been submitted. Awaiting an updated reclamation plan. Upon receiving the finished proposal, an interdisciplinary team will be selected to conduct environmental analysis.

**Project Decision Date:** November 2001

**Contact Person:** Ken Kimberling

### 10 Champion Mine Pond Repair Project

**Proposal:** To replace a culvert and repair a failed section of the pond embankment using rip rap material.

**Location:** Brice Creek Watershed, T22S, R1E, Sec. 12.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the publication of the July 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Resource information is being collected for the analysis of this project.

**Project Decision Date:** June 2002

**Contact Person:** Ken Kimberling

## Recreation Projects

None at this time.

## Projects with Decisions in the Previous Quarter

### 7 Snag Creation and Sugar Pine Enhancement Project

**Proposal:** Girdle trees to create snags for sensitive and threatened cavity nesters and associated wildlife near sugar pine at risk from blister rust. This is a combination project that will both reduce competition by trees that are encroaching on the sugar pine and create snag habitat. Approximately 50 to 100 trees, depending on the size of the tree, will be girdled.

**Location:** Brice Creek Watershed. T22S, R1E, Sec. 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, and 35. Project is within Riparian Reserve and Matrix land.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in April 2001 with the publication of the Schedule of Proposed Actions

**Status:** Project has been implemented.

**Decision Date:** August 28, 2001

**Contact Person:** Susan Johnson

### 11 Oregon Trail 4x4 Jamboree 2001

**Proposal:** To re-issue a Recreation Event Special Use Permit to the Oregon Trail 4 Wheel Drive Association for the authorization of the annual 4-wheel drive trail jamboree during August 2-5, 2001. Activities will be done on established roads and trails on the Cottage Grove and North Umpqua Ranger Districts, including but not limited to the Noonday Wagon Road Trail, Utopian Road, Oregon-Colorado Trail and other public forest roads.

**Location:** Brice and Sharps Creek Watersheds.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the publication of the July 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Project has been completed.

**Decision Date:** August 2001 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Ken Kimberling

# North Umpqua Ranger District

T 23S

T 24S

T 25S

T 26S

T 27S

T 28S



Boulder Creek  
Wilderness

Canton Cr

Steamboat Falls

Limpy Rock  
RNA

Horseshoe  
Bend

Twin Lakes

Lake in the  
Woods

Hemlock Lake

Coolwater

← To Glide

← To Glide

→ To Diamond Lake

● Location of Proposed Activity



Approximate Scale: — = 1 Mile

R 2W

R 1W

R 1E

R 2E

R 3E

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# ***NORTH UMPQUA RANGER DISTRICT***

## **Timber Stand Management Projects**

### **1 PJ Timber Sale and Project Area**

**Proposal:** This project will implement recommendations from the Little River Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes thinning in stands prone to fire; enhancing stand growth by thinning in order to increase resiliency from snowdown and blowdown; retaining late seral characteristics in older stands by using uneven aged management; and improving water quality through road restoration and decommissioning. The proposal includes the following activities:

- Uneven-aged management of 400 acres of late seral forest. This action includes proportional thinning, thinning from below, and limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes.
- Thin and treat fuel accumulations on approximately 95 acres of previously unmanaged forest.
- Place large wood in the lower stretches of Pinnacle Creek and Junction Creek.
- Place large wood in the riparian areas of previously managed stands.
- Decommission approximately 8 miles of existing road.
- Stormproof the haul routes within and outside of the project area.

**Location:** The Little River Adaptive Management Area, specifically in the Pinnacle and Junction Creek subdrainages, T27S, R01E.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the July 1998 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Analysis is proceeding and surveys are underway. Awaiting Biological Opinions.

**Projected Decision Date:** Decision Notice will be issued following completion of surveys in FY 2002.

**Contact Person:** Barbara Fontaine/Debbie Anderson

### **2 Mjollnir Timber Sale and Project Area**

**Proposal:** This project will implement recommendations from the Little River Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes thinning in stands prone to fire; enhancing young stands by thinning and pruning in order to promote tree growth and wood quality; and conducting watershed restoration activities such as road restoration and decommissioning, instream wood placement, and noxious weed control in order to improve watershed conditions. The proposal includes the following activities:

- Uneven-aged management of approximately 235 acres of late seral forest. This action includes proportional

thinning, thinning from below, and limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes.

- Thin and treat fuel accumulations on approximately 350 acres of previously unmanaged forest.
- Decommission and close 6.2 miles of existing road, and stormproof and close 6.0 miles of existing road.
- Stormproof the haul routes within and outside of the project area.
- Place large wood in ½ mile of Emile Creek and adjacent riparian plantations.

**Location:** The Little River Adaptive Management Area, specifically in the Lower Emile, Taft Creek, Little Taft Creek subdrainages, T26S, R02W.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is still being accepted on project.

**Status:** Analysis is proceeding; project was submitted for consultation. Awaiting Biological Opinions.

**Projected Decision Date:** Decision Notice will be issued following completion of surveys in FY 2002.

**Contact Person:** Barbara Fontaine

### **3 Exodus Timber Sale and Project Area**

**Proposal:** This project will implement recommendations from the Little River Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes to: retain late-seral characteristics in older stands by using uneven-aged management; maintain at risk late-seral habitat by partially harvesting fire prone areas; accelerate development of late seral habitat by thinning in second growth stands; and restore natural processes and features including reintroducing fire into the ecosystem, promoting pine health and general forest health, maintaining and enhancing unique habitats, and maintaining late successional refugia and riparian connectivity. The proposal also includes conducting watershed restoration activities such as road improvement and decommissioning, instream wood placement, and noxious weed control in order to improve watershed conditions.

The proposal includes the following activities:

- Uneven-aged management on approximately 1,019 acres of late-seral forest. This action includes proportional thinning and thinning from below, and also limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes.
- Even-aged management on approximately 42 acres of late-seral forest.
- Thinning on approximately 241 acres of mid seral forest.
- Treating fuel accumulations and/or logging slash.

- Underburning on approximately 135 acres to reduce hazardous fuels.
- Decommissioning and closure of approximately 11.5 miles of existing road.
- Stormproofing the haul routes within and outside of the project area.
- Placing large wood both instream and within riparian areas of Upper Black Creek and/or Dutch Creek.

**Location:** This proposal is in the Little River Adaptive Management Area, specifically in the Upper Black Creek and Dutch Creek subdrainages, T27S, R01W.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. The Notice of Intent was published on August 20, 2001 in the Federal Register. A public meeting will be held at the Douglas County Library on October 24, 2001, 6-8 pm.

**Status:** Issues and Alternatives are being developed.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2002 – Record of Decision.

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson

### **5 Tomatillo Timber Sale and Project Area**

**Proposal:** This project will implement recommendations from the Lower Steamboat Watershed Analysis.

Specifically, this project proposes thinning in order to restore late successional refugia and accelerate the development of second growth stands via commercial thinning. The project will also analyze road restoration and decommissioning activities that are likely to occur when future funding becomes available. The proposal includes the following activities:

- Commercially thin approximately 250 acres of second growth stands (outside of riparian reserves) that were previously harvested. This action includes proportional thinning, thinning from below, and limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes. The thinning prescription follows Late Successional Reserve Assessment guidelines.
- Treat fuel accumulations that occur as a result of the thinning activities.
- Build and/or reconstruct approximately 1 mile of temporary spur road that will be decommissioned after use.
- Analyze the effects of decommissioning parts of Road 3816 (decommissioning will occur when funding is available).
- Stormproof portions of the haul routes.

**Location:** The Steamboat watershed, specifically in the Reynolds Creek subdrainage, T25S, R02E. The management direction for this area is Late Successional Reserve with overlapping direction of Key Watershed.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Issues and Alternatives have been identified; in consultation with US Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Projected Decision Date:** February 2002 – Decision Notice

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson

## **Mining Projects**

None at this time.

## **Facilities – Repair and Development**

### **9 Wolf Creek Job Corps Center Improvements**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to build a new water treatment plant, 102-person capacity dormitory, and dining hall to replace outdated buildings that do not currently meet State Standards and/or are in violation of Fire and Life Safety Codes. Old structures will be demolished and the debris will be hauled off site and/or recycled where feasible. Utilities associated with these buildings will be upgraded to current standards.

**Location:** The project is located at the Wolf Creek Job Corps Center, T27S, R02W, Sec. 9.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Public Comment period on the Environmental Assessment ends on October 15, 2001.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001 – Decision Notice

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson

### **10 Vault Toilet Replacements**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to replace old (and leaky) 12A vault toilets with CXT concrete vault toilets at the Steamboat Falls Campground. The work will be completed using heavy equipment. An additional area approximately 6 by 6 feet will be disturbed around each toilet during installation. A Decision Memo was signed on March 22, 2001 and April 26, 2001 for 5 other toilets.

**Location:** Steamboat Falls Campground.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The Decision Memo will be signed following completion of archaeological surveys at Steamboat Falls.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson

### **23 Granddad Remote Automatic Weather Station (RAWS) Maintenance and Fence Construction**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to remove encroaching vegetation by cutting 35 conifers that are between 8 and 15 inches in diameter, that are interfering with 20 foot

wind speed observations at the Grandad Butte Weather Station. Approximately 200 additional small conifer trees that are between ½ inch and 8 inches in diameter would be removed that also interfere with wind speed readings, or will do so in the near future. All trees would be felled with chainsaws. Trees 8-15 inches would be felled and left. Trees under 8 inches would be lopped, scattered, and/or chipped. All other whip-sized trees would be left where felled. Lopped material or chips would be scattered away from the RAWS station. The project would also construct an 8-foot high fence around the RAWS station. The fence would be approximately 15 feet by 15 feet in length and will enclose the RAWS station and an adjacent area of approximately 225 square feet. The fence would help eliminate vandalism of the weather station and prevent big game from damaging sensitive weather instruments. The entire project area is approximately 0.75 acres in size. The Grandad facility is an existing facility. This project would be considered as routine maintenance of an existing development under the Standards and Guidelines for Late Successional Reserves.

**Location:** T25S, R2E, Sec. 9. Forest Road 3850-100.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Biological Evaluations are being completed.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Dick Kreger

#### **24 Horseshoe Bend Campground Water System and Campsite Modifications**

**Proposal:** This project will replace deteriorated water distribution lines and water hydrants to meet accessibility standards, and modify seven campsites to provide access. The existing black plastic pipe water distribution lines will be replaced throughout the campground. Existing hydrants will be replaced with larger hydrants with wheelchair access. This will require movement or elimination of some hydrants. Beaver Flat and Deer Flat flush toilet buildings including the paved pathways, will be modified to meet accessibility standards. Three campsites on Beaver Flat, three campsites on Deer Flat, one campsite on Otter Flat, three wastewater sumps, and one fee station will be modified to meet accessibility standards. Up to ten trees 20 to 30 inches in diameter may require removal; however, tree removal will be avoided where possible.

**Location:** Horseshoe Bend Campground. T26S, R2E, Sec. 19.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Biological Evaluations are being completed.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Dick Henbest

#### **25 Deception Creek Bridge Replacement**

**Proposal:** This project will replace the bridge destroyed by a tree that blew over during the winter of 2000-2001. Specifically, this project proposes replacing two laminated trail bridge stringers, 60+ feet long, and other bridge materials damaged during the winter storm, and removing the damaged material. Materials will be moved to the site by the use of a heavy lift helicopter and damaged materials will be removed by the same helicopter. The downed tree will be moved to a location determined by the District Fisheries Biologist using the helicopter. Minor shrubs cutting may be required, but no other trees will be removed.

**Location:** Marsters section of the North Umpqua Trail at the Deception Creek crossing, T26S, R2E, Sec. 21.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Biological Evaluations are being completed.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Dick Henbest

#### **26 Fire Warehouse Improvements at North Umpqua Ranger District**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to reconstruct and improve the existing warehouse at the North Umpqua Ranger District to accommodate firefighting vehicles, equipment, and staff. The existing building would be remodeled to accommodate current and future needs and would be reconstructed to ADA standards. The warehouse is an existing facility located at the North Umpqua Ranger Station.

**Location:** T26S, R3W Sec. 19.

**Public Input:** Scoping begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** January 2002 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Dick Kreger

#### **27 Red Butte Gate**

**Proposal:** The project would place a gate on Road 2701-190, restricting access to the top of Red Butte. The gate would help prevent further vandalism to communication facilities and the fire lookout located on the Red Butte summit. Minor brush cutting may be required, but no trees would be removed.

**Location:** Red Butte summit; T28S, R02W, Sec. 1.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Biological Evaluations are being conducted.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Dick Henbest

### **28 Vault Toilet Replacement at Apple Creek Campground**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to replace three old 12A vault toilets with on new CXT concrete vault toilet at Apple Creek Campground. The work will be completed using heavy equipment. The old vaults will be removed and the vault pumped and filled in on site. A new CXT concrete vault will be placed between the campground road and Hwy. 138.

**Location:** Apple Creek Campground, T26S, R1E, Sec. 14.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Biological Evaluations are being conducted.

**Projected Decision Date:** May 2002 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Wayne Brady

### **29 Horseshoe Bend Campground Road Improvement**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to chip-seal the existing access road and campground look roads to improve the existing road system. The existing road has begun to break down and potholes are forming where the chip-seal has separated. The work will be completed with heavy equipment.

**Location:** Horseshoe Bend Campground Access Road 4750-001. T26S, R2E, Sec. 19.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Biological Evaluations are being conducted.

**Projected Decision Date:** June 2002 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Dick Henbest

### **North Umpqua and Steamboat Creek Campground Improvements**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to replace and/or enhance facilities at five heavily used campgrounds within the North Umpqua River and Steamboat Creek corridors. The project would improve the recreation facilities by repairing and replacing 30-year old, failing components of the campground infrastructure. Components of the project include replacing and repairing tables, vehicle barriers, tent pads, waste water collection basins, camping spurs, walking trails and walkways, garbage can pads, solar panels, diversion ditches and other miscellaneous structures round within the campgrounds.

**Location:** Horseshoe Bend, Apple Creek, Island, Steamboat Falls, and Boulder Flat Campgrounds.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Biological Evaluations are being conducted.

**Projected Decision Date:** June 2002 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Jerry Harryman

## **Special Use Permits**

None at this time.

## **Watershed Restoration and Improvement Projects**

### **Pre-Commercial Thinning**

**Proposal:** This purpose of this project is to reduce tree stocking in young tree plantations to a prescribed level consistent with the Forest Land Management Plan guidelines. More specifically, the purpose of this project is to maintain optimal growth and/or to encourage species and spacing diversity in existing managed stands. In total, approximately 312 acres of young plantations will be thinned.

**Location:** District-wide.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Biological Evaluations are being written.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001 – Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Ron Campbell

## **Stand Improvement Projects**

### **21 Whitecap Soil Decompaction Study – Control of Competing Vegetation**

**Proposal:** The purpose and need for this project is to complete a study that assesses the effectiveness of different methods of soil decompaction done in conjunction with the Whitecap Timber Sale. As part of the decompaction study, there is a need to control competing vegetation using herbicides (approved through the mediated agreement) to better assess the effectiveness of the soil treatments on the establishment and growth of planted conifer seedlings. The proposal is to hand spray Glyphosate (Roundup Original®) to control competing vegetation (woody stemmed species) on approximately 8 acres of land where soil was decompacted in the year 2000. Label specifications of the herbicide will be followed. It is expected that 1-2 treatments per year would occur for years 1, 3, and 5 of the study.

**Location:** Portions of three units (1, 4a, and 8b) within the Whitecap Timber Sale would be treated. The legal description is T27S, R1W, Sec. 18, 19, and 20.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the January 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The project is in the development stage.



**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001 – Decision Notice

**Contact Person:** Barbara Fontaine

## **Projects Dropped from Consideration**

None at this time.

## **Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter**

### **Transmission Lines and Facilities**

**Proposal:** The proposal is the routine maintenance of PP&L's transmission lines and facilities including the aerial and ground inspection of power lines, pole maintenance, vegetation management under power lines, insulator and conductor replacement, and access road maintenance and alignment.

**Location:** This proposal covers both the North Umpqua & Diamond Lake Ranger Districts over a 10-year period.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Project is ready to implement.

**Decision Date:** Decision Memo signed by North Umpqua District Ranger on 7/31/01 and by Diamond Lake District Ranger on 8/3/01.

**Contact Person:** Jerry Harryman

### **4 Evening Star Mine – Plan of Operations**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to approve a Plan of Operations (POO) for mining at the Evening Star Mine. The POO is to mine existing ore material on four unpatented mining claims. The project includes construction of 100 feet of ATV trail; construction of one tool shed; and removal and hauling of ore. Living facilities will be maintained on site and removed during the winter. No chemical processing is proposed.

**Location:** The project is located within the Bohemia Mining District and south of Bohemia Mountain in the Steamboat Creek drainage. The management direction for this area is Late-Successional Reserve with an overlapping direction of Key Watershed. The legal description is T23S, Section 13, R1E, W.M., Lane County, OR.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The 30-day public comment period ended January 5, 2001. Appeal period ended September 4, 2001. The project was appealed. Awaiting appeal decision from Regional Office.

**Decision Date:** Decision Notice was signed on July 20, 2001.

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson/Wayne Brady

### **18 Wolf Creek Campground Water System Treatment and Intake Modifications**

**Proposal:** This project will bring the public water system facilities at Wolf Creek Campground up to the current standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act and Oregon State Health Division regulations. Specifically this project proposes extending the existing corrugated metal pipe (CMP) intake pipe by welding an elbow coupling to the intake pipe housing at the edge of a concrete pad. A threaded pipe would then be added to extend the intake three to four feet into the pool. A foot valve and intake screen would be attached to the end of the intake pipe. No stream bottom disturbance would occur. Installation will also include a pre-cast concrete valve box for the connection at the entrance. A filter backwash water vault will be installed southwest of the treatment building.

**Location:** Wolf Creek Campground. T27S, R2W, Sec. 9.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Project is ready to implement.

**Decision Date:** Decision Memo signed on August 23, 2001.

**Contact Person:** Dick Henbest

### **22 Calf Creek Pullout Rehabilitation Project**

**Proposal:** The purpose and need for this project is to control traffic and improve habitat conditions at existing disturbed areas within the Riparian Reserve at the Calf Creek Trailhead of the North Umpqua Trail. The project proposes to scarify two existing compacted turnouts and place boulders for traffic control at the trailhead along Forest Road #4750. A compacted area along the bridge crossing Calf Creek would also be scarified. Scarified areas would be planted with native shrubs and trees, and mulched for erosion control. An interpretive sign would also be placed adjacent to the trailhead. Consultation has been completed for sign placement. Work would be conducted using a backhoe and dump truck.

**Location:** Calf Creek Trailhead of the North Umpqua Trail. The legal description is T26S, R2E, Sec. 19.

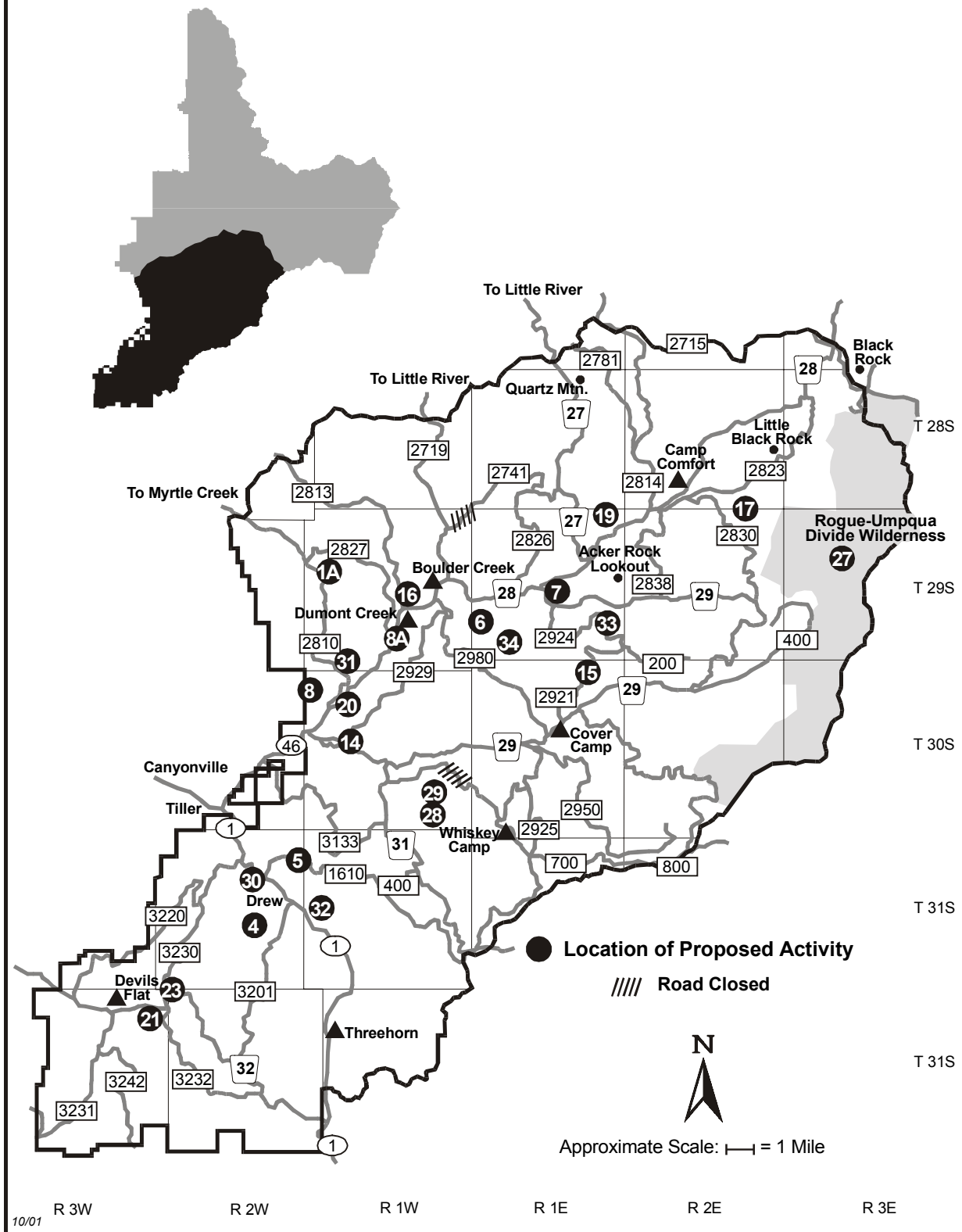
**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The project is ready to be implemented.

**Decision Date:** Decision Memo signed July 17, 2001.

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson/Jerry Harryman

# Tiller Ranger District



# **TILLER RANGER DISTRICT**

## **Watershed Restoration Projects**

### **1A Dumont Creek Forest Road 2827-500 Uplands**

**Proposal:** Improve hydrologic function of the area by treating ground impacts from past logging and other forest management activities. Treatments include fixing damaged pond outlets, correcting stream diversions and subsoiling compacted skidroads.

**Location:** The project is situation in T29S, R1W, Sec. 9, W.M.

**Public Input:** Scoping began November 1996.

**Status:** Analysis being completed and awaiting decision.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001

**Contact Person:** Wes Yamamoto

### **3 Boulder Instream Restoration**

**Proposal:** Place approximately 600 logs and root wads lower 6 miles of Boulder Creek, the lower 1.5 miles of Slick Creek and the lower 1.5 miles of Pinnacle Creek. Wood placed in the stream will cause local gravel deposition, pool scouring and low flow areas for fish to rest in. This work would be done using a large helicopter to maximize log size and minimize ground disturbance to stream channels and associated riparian areas.

Previously harvested riparian areas would be treated to help restore ecological function. The treatment consists of planting understocked areas and non-commercial thinning favoring Douglas fir, incense cedar, ponderosa pine and sugar pine. Planting would be done within forest openings greater than 50 square feet with either Douglas fir, incense cedar or sugar pine. Other native plant species such as ash, dogwood, big leaf maple, willow and alder may be planted to improve species diversity. In dense stands of young conifers and around the base of favored tree species, non commercial thinning would be done using a variable density approach in which circles 16 feet in diameter would be cleared of small (0-10 inch) competing conifers. If Pacific yew trees are within the clearing area they will be left untouched. All thinned trees would be left on site. Non-commercial conifer thinning would not occur closer than 20 feet to the stream bank to preserve existing stream shading.

Connected Activities: Logs for this project will be purchased from cull log decks at local timber mills. This would entail the transporting of logs from a mill yard to stockpile sites located along forest road 2719, 2719, 2741, 272719-900, and the 2741-200. From the stockpile sites, the logs would be flown by helicopter to sites within the stream channel.

**Location:** T.28S, R.2E. Secs. 29 and 30. T.28S,R1W. Secs 27 and 35, T.29S, R1W. Secs 1, 12 and 13

**Public Input:** Scoping began with July 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Project is being dropped.

**Contact Person:** Bob Nichols

## **Range**

### **4 Range Permit Reissuance**

**Proposal:** To issue term grazing permits to allow 216 cow/calf pairs on three livestock grazing allotments.

**Location:** These allotments are District wide.

**Public Input:** Scoping began August 1996.

**Status:** Draft EIS public comment period ended July 9, 2001. Currently responding to public comments.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001

**Contact Person:** Wes Yamamoto

## **Vegetation Management**

### **5 Summit Timber Sale**

**Proposal:** Commercial thin 823 acres utilizing group selection, thinning around large pines to maintain their health, and salvage treatments on Matrix land allocations. Fuels created by the treatments will be hand piled or the area will be under burned. In addition, prescribed burning is proposed for 112 acres of Matrix and Riparian Reserve land allocations on dry meadows and oak woodlands to maintain habitat diversity. Under this proposal there would be 0.85 miles of road construction, 0.70 miles of reconstruction, 32.02 miles of road upgrades, 8.89 miles of road inactivation, and 2.85 miles of road obliteration.

**Location:** T30S, R2W; T31S, R2W; and T31S, R1W.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Consultation complete. Needs more red tree vole survey work.

**Projected Decision Date:** Fall of 2002.

**Contact Person:** Don Morrison

### **6 Zinc Timber Sale**

**Proposal:** Commercial thin 465 acres on Matrix and Riparian Reserve land allocations using understory removal, thinning around large pines to maintain their health, and regeneration treatments. Fuels created by the treatments will be hand piled or the area under burned. Under this proposal there would be 0.48 miles of non-system road constructed and then obliterated after use,

1.15 miles reconstructed and obliterated after use, an additional 0.63 miles would be obliterated, 2.3 miles inactivated, and 17.62 miles of drainage upgrades.

**Location:** T29S, R1W and T29S, R1E.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions. The 30-day comment period ended August 31, 1999.

**Status:** Consultation complete; needs more red tree vole survey work.

**Projected Decision Date:** Fall of 2002.

**Contact Person:** Don Morrison

### **7 Bucky Timber Sale**

**Proposal:** Manage 281 acres of Matrix land allocation in the Bucky Planning Area using activities such as commercial thinning and thinning around large pines to maintain their health, road construction, road obliteration, road and drainage upgrades, road inactivation and closure, timber stand improvement activities such as precommercial thinning of plantations, and noxious weed treatment.

**Location:** Buckeye Creek drainage of the South Umpqua River. The area overlaps portions or all of sections 13, 14, 15, and 22, T29S, R1E and sections 8, 17, and 18, T29S, R2E.

**Public Input:** Public involvement started with the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Consultation complete. Needs more red tree vole survey work.

**Projected Decision Date:** Fall of 2003.

**Contact:** Don Morrison

### **8 Spam Timber Sale**

**Proposal:** Harvest timber on 312 acres in the Spam Planning Area using partial cutting methods to meet ecological and pine health objectives. Fuels created by the logging would be hand piled or the area underburned. In addition, prescribed burning would occur on approximately 20 acres of an oak woodland/meadow complex to maintain habitat diversity. Other associated activities would include the expansion of an existing rock quarry, reconstruction/ upgrade of 20.43 miles of system roads, 0.73 miles of road inactivation, and 2.07 miles of road obliteration. The activities would occur on Matrix land, with no vegetation manipulation in Riparian Reserves.

**Location:** T29S and T30S, R1W and R2W.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Action.

**Status:** Public comment period ended August 21, 1999.

**Projected Decision Date:** Pending Red Tree Vole direction.

**Contact Person:** Don Morrison

### **8A Middle South Umpqua Vegetation Management**

**Proposal:** Manage Ash Creek and Collins Planning Areas based on the objectives and desired future condition discussed in the Middle South Umpqua Landscape Analysis and Design. Activities such as timber harvest, timber stand improvement activities such as precommercial thinning of plantations, prescribed fire and fuels hazard reduction, road construction, road decommissioning, road and drainage upgrades, road inactivation and closure, precommercial thinning of plantations, and noxious weed treatments.

**Location:** Ash Creek Planning Area is located in the Ash Creek drainage and a portion of Zinc Creek Facial. The area overlaps portions or all of T28S, R1E, Sec. 27-29 and 32-34; T29S, R1E, Sec. 3-9 and 16-18; and T29S, R1W, Sec. 13-14, W.M. The Collins Planning Area is located in the Francis Facial drainage. The area overlaps all or portions of T29S, R1W, Sec. 26, 27, and 33-35; and T30S, R1W, Sec. 2-5, 7-11, and 17-18, W.M.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 SOPA. Proposed Actions will be available to the public by 11/15/01.

**Status:** Scoping

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2002

**Contact Person:** Don Morrison

### **KV Restoration**

None at this time.

### **ERFO**

#### **14 Road Damage Repair/Road 29, MP 5.6**

**Proposal:** Repair a site on Jackson Creek Road damaged by a storm event in 1999.

**Location:** T30S, R1W, Sec. 23.

**Public Input:** Scoping began October 1999.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001

**Contact Person:** Russ Groves

#### **15 Road Damage Repair/2924, MP 1.0**

**Proposal:** Repair a site on Two Mile road damaged by a storm event in 1999.

**Location:** T29S, R1E, Sec 36.

**Public Input:** Scoping began October 1999.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001

**Contact Person:** Russ Groves

### **16 Road Damage Repair/2813-100 MP 2.65**

**Proposal:** Repair a site on a spur road off the Dumont Road damaged by a storm event in 1999.

**Location:** T29S, R1W, Sec. 23.

**Status:** Scoping began October 1999.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001

**Contact Person:** Russ Groves

### **17 Road Damage Repair/2830, MP 3.1**

**Proposal:** Repair a site on the Rocky Ridge road damaged from storm events in 1999.

**Location:** T28S, R2E, Sec. 35.

**Public Input:** Scoping began October 1999.

**Status:** Scoping

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001.

**Contact Person:** Russ Groves

## **Bridge Repair**

### **19 Quartz Creek Bridge Repair**

**Proposal:** Repair a bridge approach road fill being washed out by high water.

**Location:** T29S, R2E, Sec. 1.

**Public Input:** Scoping began October 1999, submitted for Consultation.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001

**Contact Person:** Dean Kenyon

## **Water Transmission Lines**

### **20 Freeman Water Transmission Line**

**Proposal:** Evaluation of an application by a private landowner to transport water from National Forest System lands to private property.

**Location:** T. 30S, R1W, Sec. 4.

**Public Input:** Scoping began October 1999.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** March 2002

**Contact Person:** Russ Groves

## **Private Road Access**

### **21 Kirby Road Proposal**

**Proposal:** Evaluation of a proposal by a private landowner to construct approximately three hundred feet of road across National Forest System land to access private property.

**Location:** T32S, R3W, Sec. 15.

**Public Input:** Scoping began June 1999.

**Status:** Consultation proceeding.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001

**Contact Person:** Dean Kenyon

## **Mining**

### **23 Red Hill Mine**

**Proposal:** Evaluation the Plan of Operations submitted by the claimant for Red Hill Mine.

**Location:** T32S, R2W.

**Public Input:** Scoping began March 1998.

**Status:** Finalizing the E.A.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001

**Contact Person:** Russ Groves

## **Recreation**

### **26 Group Camping Sites**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to pre-authorize two or three locations which would be suitable for Non-Commercial Group Use Permits (over 75 people), or smaller groups wanting to camp outside of developed recreation sites.

**Location:** District-wide.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001

**Contact Person:** Lori Depew

## **Trails**

### **28 Beaver Creek Trail Relocation**

**Proposal:** Relocate the Beaver Creek Trail 1426 to the north and east side of Beaver Creek, thus eliminating four creek crossings of Beaver Creek. In addition the proposed action will:

- Eliminate ¼ to ½ mile of storm-damaged flooded trail along Beaver Creek in the NE ¼ of Section 3 and the SW ¼ of Sec 34;
- Eliminate those sections of both the Beaver Creek Trail and the Bunchgrass Trail that are on private property;
- Relocate the lower section of the Bunchgrass Trail that has excessive grades of over 25% on steep, unstable, and slumped out soils.

**Public Input:** Scoping began October 1998.

**Status:** Analysis Proceeding.

**Projected Decision Date:** Lori Depew

**Contact Person:** Marci Truhn (Supervisor's Office)

### **28A Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness Trail Access Rehabilitation**

**Proposal:** The proposal involves bringing ten trailheads up to standard by adding horse facilities, such as hitching posts or high lines, primitive toilets, information board/registration boxes, new trail signs, picnic tables, etc. as well as defining and improving parking and turnarounds for horse trailers. Trail segments from these trailheads leading into the wilderness will also be brought up to standard to eliminate erosion and resource damage.

**Location:** T28, 29, 30S, R2, 3, 4 E.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the July 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Project is being dropped.

**Contact Person:** Lori Depew

## **Prescribed Burning**

### **29 North Beaver Prescribed Burn Plan**

**Proposal:** Reintroduce fire by prescribed underburning of approximately 200-300 acres. This would decrease fuel loading and kill understory trees and brush that would normally be killed and/or burned during naturally occurring wildfires. Some individual areas proposed for treatment have high fuel loading and ladder fuels such that pretreatment by manual slashing, handpiling, and burning is necessary to prevent the underburns from being excessively hot and destructive. The underburning will kill some standing green trees, a result consistent with natural fire processes. In some areas of heavy reproduction, this may necessitate another pile and burn treatment to further reduce fuel loading.

**Location:** T30S & T31S, R1W & 1E, section with the Beaver Creek drainage North of Beaver Creek.

**Public Input:** Scoping began August 1997.

**Status:** Final surveys for Survey & Manage species are needed.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001.

**Contact Person:** Emily Sands

## **Habitat Restoration Project**

None at this time.

## **Maintenance of Administrative Sites**

### **33 Buckeye Remote Automatic Weather Station (RAWS) Maintenance**

**Proposal:** Remove between 35 and 40 conifers between 6 and 19 inches in diameter that are interfering with accurate wind speed observations at an automatic weather station. Slash from the treatment is to be piled on site and the piles burned at a later date. Trees that can be felled to the old landing or road would be used at a later date for firewood. The project would also remove vegetation (up to 3 more conifers between 3 and 10 inches in diameter) on a native surface, non-system road spur leading into the site. Vegetation encroachment on the site makes the weather station, relied upon for accurate information for emergency fire response, unusable.

**Location:** T29S, R1E, Sec. 24, on Forest Road 2924-411.

**Public Input:** Scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Decision pending.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001

**Contact Person:** Paul Czerny

### **34 South Umpqua Experimental Forest Weir Maintenance**

**Proposal:** Clean out sediment from two of four existing instream weirs in the South Umpqua Experimental Forest. Sediment will be removed from the catch basins in Watershed #1 and #2 using a small excavator or other similar equipment, loaded into a dump truck, and hauled approximately one mile to an existing quarry (Weir #231203) where material will be spread across the floor of the quarry. The estimated quantity of sediment is 100 cubic yards or approximately 10 dump truck trips to the quarry. Weir cleanout would occur during the low flow, instream work period between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. Water will be routed around the weir sites while the cleanout operation is being implemented. The project is estimated to take approximately two days.

**Location:** The two weir sites are located in T. 29 S., R. 1 E., SW1/4 of Section 28, W.M.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in April 2001.

**Status:** Analysis proceeding.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001

**Contact Person:** Kathy Minor

## Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter

### **1A Dumont Creek Forest Road 2827 Slide Repair**

**Proposal:** Repair a 300-foot slide on Forest Road 2827, MP 6.05, by installation of retaining structures, including gabion baskets and large rocks, and perforated pipe for drainage. Slopes are to be revegetated with native grasses, shrubs or trees.

**Location:** The project area is situated in T29S, R1W, Sec. 9, W.M.

**Public Input:** Scoping began November 1996.

**Decision Date:** Decision Memo was signed June 13, 2001

**Contact Person:** Wes Yamamoto

### **27 Removal of Aircraft Wreckage from Fish Lake in the Rogue Umpqua Divide Wilderness**

**Proposal:** Remove wreckage from a small plane, which sank in Fish Lake in 1949.

**Location:** T29S, R3E, Sec. 5 and 6.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. The 45-day appeal period will end November 4, 2001.

**Status:** Permit application by Douglas County Museum has been approved.

**Decision Date:** Decision Notice signed September 13, 2001.

**Contact Person:** Lori Depew

### **30 Calochortus Umpquaensis Restoration**

**Proposal:** Maintain and restore habitat in a 15-acre area for *Calochortus umpquaensis*. The restoration activities would include tree girdling and non-commercial thinning to create gaps in the encroaching conifer over story and hand pile and burning of the generated slash. The pile and burn would occur in the winter/spring. Care is to be taken to locate piles away from plants. A controlled fall understory burn would follow. Maintenance of the meadow habitat would include controlled fall burn, and seeding or planting native grasses.

**Location:** Drew Meadows, T31S R2W Sec 9.

**Public Input:** Scoping was considered as part of the decision.

**Status:** The 45-day appeal period ended August 15, 2001.

**Decision date:** Decision Notice signed June 20, 2001.

**Contact Person:** Chris Rusch

### **31 Spam Oak Woodland and Meadow Restoration**

**Proposal:** Treat oak meadows and woodlands within the Spam Planning Area to improve grass, shrub, and tree habitats to attract a variety of wildlife including elk, deer, grouse, quail, neotropical birds, and small mammals. Treatment methods include hand pulling of noxious weeds, girdling and felling conifers that are encroaching on oak trees, fall burning of meadows, planting native bunchgrasses, shrubs, and trees, and obliterating a road affecting meadow hydrology and productivity. Monitoring of the project over time will determine the success of the treatment and use by targeted wildlife species.

**Location:** T29S, R1W, and T29S, R2W.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The 45-day appeal period ends October 27, 2001.

**Decision Date:** Decision Notice signed September 12, 2001.

**Contact Person:** Kris Rutledge

### **32 Summit Oak Woodland and Meadow Restoration**

**Proposal:** Oak meadows and woodlands within the Summit Planning Area are to be treated to improve grass, shrub, and tree habitats to attract a variety of wildlife including elk, deer, grouse, quail, neotropical birds, and small mammals. Treatment methods include hand pulling of noxious weeds, girdling and felling conifers that are encroaching on oak trees, fall burning of meadows, planting native bunchgrasses, shrubs, and trees, and obliterating a road affecting meadow hydrology and productivity. Monitoring of the project over time will determine the success of the treatment and use by targeted wildlife species.

**Location:** T30S, R1W.

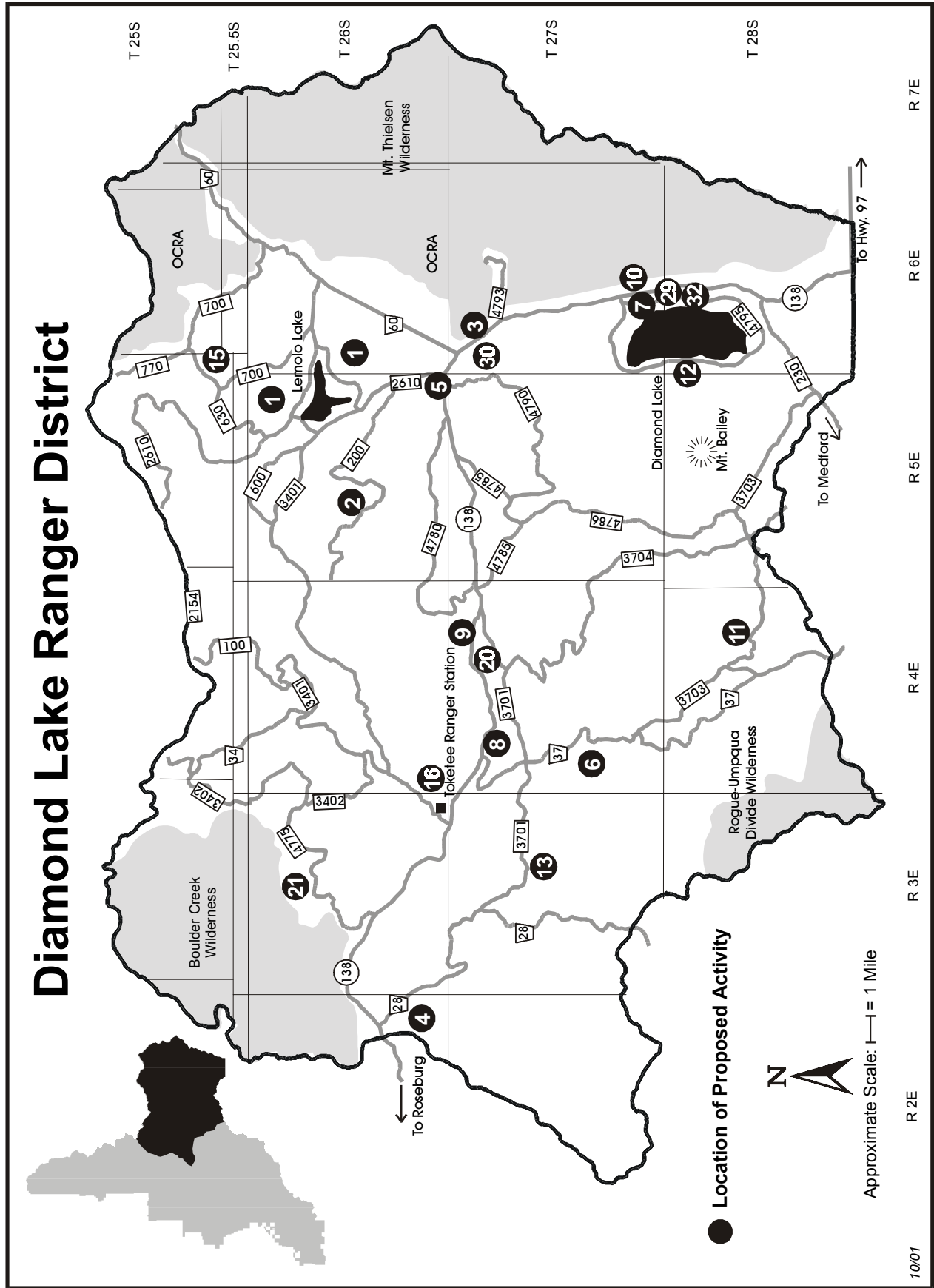
**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The 45-day appeal period ends October 27, 2001

**Decision Date:** Decision Notice signed September 12, 2001

**Contact Person:** Kris Rutledge

# Diamond Lake Ranger District





# DIAMOND LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

## Timber Management Projects

### 1 Lemolo Watershed Projects EIS

**Purpose and Need:** This project would implement recommendations from the Diamond Lake/Lemolo Lake Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes to approximate natural disturbance processes such as large scale disturbance (stand replacement fire), light ground fires and insect attacks, and localized natural disturbances caused by small lightning fires, insects, and root disease, through even and uneven aged silvicultural prescriptions. Additional projects are designed to improve water quality through road reconstruction, road decommissioning and rehabilitation of soils through subsoiling; reduce fire hazard by reintroducing fire into the ecosystem; improve long term site productivity of managed stands that have been adversely affected by past management practices, through subsoiling of main skid trails and temporary haul roads; and provide for special forest products (posts, poles, and house logs).

**Proposal:** The proposal includes the following activities:

- 468 acres of regeneration harvest;
- 926 acres of commercial thinning;
- 259 acres of uneven aged management prescriptions;
- 5 timber sales are planned to be sold in 2002 and 2003;
- 515 acres of natural fuel treatment (underburn);
- 5.4 miles of new system road construction;
- 3.5 miles of temporary road construction and subsequent obliteration;
- 12 miles of road decommissioning;
- 30.5 miles of road reconstruction;
- 2 acres of permanent helicopter landing construction;
- 91 acres of subsoiling within existing plantations.

**Location:** T25S, R5.5E and R6E; T25.5S, R5.5E and R6E; T26S, R5E, R5.5E, and R6E; T27S, R5E, R5.5E, and R6E; T28S, R5.5E.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. An open house was held at the Roseburg Library and a field trip was held this past summer.

**Status:** Draft EIS published; 45-day comment period ends November 26, 2001.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001-Record of Decision.

**Contact Person:** Pat Williams

### 2 T-Line Salvage

**Proposal:** Salvage of 371 CCF (about 185 MBF) of blown down trees on 26 acres was approved in a Decision Memo for a Categorical Exclusion on September 17, 1998. This timber has been auctioned and awarded in two separate timber sales: T-Line Salvage and Pigout. A recent court ruling invalidated the category (FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30, Category 4 of Section 31.2) which covered this decision, therefore an Environmental Assessment will be prepared for the proposed action. The salvage harvest does not involve any road construction or re-construction. Helicopter and skyline logging are proposed.

**Location:** T26S, R5E.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Comment period completed.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001-Decision Notice.

**Contact Person:** Al Hunter

### 3 Electric Salvage

**Purpose and Need:** The purpose and need for this project is to recover wood fiber from previously felled hazard trees along Pacific Power Powerlines, to reduce the fire hazard along the highway corridor, keep the powerline right-of-way free of obstructions, and maintain visual quality objectives.

**Proposal:** This project would recover approximately 209 CCF (hundred cubic feet) [80 MBF] of wood fiber from an estimated 46 acres in four units. No standing trees would be felled unless additional hazard trees are found prior to or during harvest activities. Proposed harvest method would be a combination of log loader and skidder. Slash would be treated by lopping and scattering, or handpiled and burned. Areas of disturbed soil would be returned to previous contours and revegetated if needed in order to maintain visual quality objectives. No harvest is planned in riparian areas. No new road construction or reconstruction would be required.

**Location:** T27S, R5½ E; T28S, R5½E.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Comment period planned in October 2001.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001-Decision Notice.

**Contact Person:** Al Hunter

### 6 Fish Creek Watershed Projects

**Purpose and Need:** This project would implement recommendations from the Fish Creek Watershed

Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes to approximate natural disturbance processes such as large scale disturbance (stand replacement fire), light ground fires and insect attacks, and localized natural disturbances caused by small lightning fires, insects, and root disease, through even and uneven aged silvicultural prescriptions, while meeting Forest Plan probable sale quantity objectives for Matrix lands. Additional projects are designed to improve water quality through road reconstruction, road decommissioning, rehabilitation of soils through subsoiling, spring rehabilitation, trailhead relocation, and instream wood placement; reduce fire hazard by reintroducing fire into the ecosystem; improve long term site productivity of managed stands that have been adversely affected by past management practices, through subsoiling of main skid trails and temporary haul roads; precommercial thin overstocked managed stands to improve health and vigor; and wildlife enhancement projects.

**Proposal:** The proposal includes the following activities:

- 422 acres of regeneration harvest;
- 834 acres of commercial thinning;
- 145 acres of uneven aged management prescriptions;
- 5 timber sales are planned to be sold in 2002 and 2003;
- 1230 acres of natural fuel treatment (underburn);
- 3.5 miles of temporary road construction and subsequent obliteration;
- 35.2 miles of road decommissioning;
- 61 miles of road decommissioning;
- 12 acres of permanent helicopter landing construction;
- Relocation of three trail heads;
- Wildlife enhancement projects;
- Rock source development;
- Spring rehabilitation;
- 1130 acres of subsoiling within existing plantations;
- 2644 acres of precommercial thinning;
- 8 miles of instream wood placement.

**Location:** T26S, R3E; T27S, R3E, R4E, and R5E; T28S, R3E, R4E, and R5E.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions and the publishing of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. An open house was held at the Douglas County Library on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and a field trip was held on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

**Status:** Alternative development.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2002 – Record of Decision.

**Contact Person:** Pat Williams

## **20 Long Term Soil Productivity Projects**

**Purpose and Need #1:** The purpose of the following proposed actions is to provide the opportunity to study and

evaluate how changes in site organic matter and soil porosity affect fundamental site processes controlling forest health, productivity, and sustainability, as outlined in the National Long-term Soil Productivity Study (LTSP) Plan. The Upper Clearwater Watershed Analysis, page 127, recommended “The Long Term Soil Productivity Study should continue to be funded and implemented on the District in order to learn more about the effects of compaction on site productivity.”

**Proposal:** The proposal includes the following activities:

- Replace plots 3, 15, and 16;
- Increase plot buffer size to a minimum of 20 meters and recruit snags for wildlife;
- Maintain complete and continuous vegetation control until crown closure on half of each study plot;

**Purpose and Need #2:** The purpose of the following proposed actions are to provide the opportunity to study and evaluate the effectiveness of restoration techniques on detrimentally impacted soils, as defined in the Soil Organic Amendment Restoration Study (SOAR) Plan.

**Proposal:** The proposal includes the following activities:

- Implement and monitor the study treatments based on the study design;
- Subsoil for compaction, land apply a Class A biosolid and chipped slash for soil conditioning, and reforest the study plots with a mixture of Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine.

**Location:** T27S, R4E, Sections 3, 7, 9, 10.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Alternative Development

**Projected Decision Date:** April 2002, Decision Notice.

**Contact Person:** Jim Archuleta or Rick Abbott

## **15 District Commercial Christmas Tree/Boughs**

**Proposal:** Harvest and sale of Christmas trees/boughs will occur over 21 acres of managed plantations within matrix lands prior to precommercial thinning in the fall of 2001. Trees to be harvested are in excess of managed crop trees within the plantations.

**Location:** T27S, R4E, S23; T25S, R3E, S23.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed action.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001, Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Randy Menke

## **Facilities – Repair and Development**

### **5 Windigo Cabin**

**Proposal:** The Cascade Connection Snowmobile Club of Roseburg has proposed to construct a winter shelter in the vicinity of Windigo Snowpark (the junction of Hwy 138

and FS Road 60). The structure will be a single-story log cabin style shelter with wood stove. The shelter will provide an overnight facility for winter recreationists. A FS pit toilet is already in place. Scheduled for construction in the summer of 2000.

**Location:** T26S, R5.5E, Sec.6.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Action.

**Status:** 30-day comment period ended September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

**Projected Decision Date:** November 2001-Decision Notice.

**Contact Person:** Terry Klingenberg

### **8 Watson Falls Trail Reconstruction**

**Proposal:** Reconstruction of the Watson Falls Trail is necessary to provide user safety, stability of the trail tread, and protection of the site. Upgrading of the Watson Falls Rest Area has increased use of the Watson Falls Trail. Replacement of deteriorated railing on the bridge is needed for user safety. Installation of railing is necessary to prevent people from cutting across switchbacks, thereby damaging soil and vegetation. Trail tread will be stabilized, smoothed out, and widened to specification as needed.

**Location:** T27S, R4E, Sec.6.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Action.

**Status:** Analysis proceeding. Scoping has revealed no extraordinary circumstances.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Mike Kinney

### **9 Whitehorse Falls Campground Reconstruction**

**Proposal:** Proposed project is to reconstruct the Whitehorse Falls Viewpoint as part of the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway enhancement project. Proposed project is within the current developed recreation site. Proposed improvements to the day use area are paved entrance road and parking, accessible trail and toilet, picnic tables, viewing platform and interpretive signage.

**Location:** T26S, R4E, Sec.2.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions

**Status:** Analysis proceeding. Scoping has revealed no extraordinary circumstances.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

### **10 Diamond Lake-Mt. Bailey Viewpoint Construction**

**Proposal:** Proposed project is to construct a viewpoint off of State Hwy 138 of Diamond Lake and Mt. Bailey, part of the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway enhancement project. The proposed development area is approximately 5 acres. Construction includes an access road, parking, accessible toilet, picnic tables, and interpretive signage.

**Location:** T28S, R5.5E, Sec. 32.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Action.

**Status:** Scoping

**Projected Decision Date:** March 2002 – Decision Notice.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

### **32 Diamond Lake Campground Shower Building**

**Proposal:** Provide shower facilities for recreationists camping in the Diamond Lake Recreation Area. Currently, the Diamond Lake Campground has one shower facility for over 230 campsites. Construction of a second facility would better serve the public. The proposal includes removing an existing restroom building at the south end of the Diamond Lake Campground and constructing a new combination shower and restroom facility.

**Location:** T28S, R5½E, Sec. 16.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Analysis proceeding. Scoping has revealed no extraordinary circumstances.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001-Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

### **Campground Toilet Replacement**

**Proposal:** The purpose and need for this project is to provide accessible and more sanitary vault toilets in public campgrounds. The proposal is to remove existing old and inadequate vault toilets in campgrounds and replace them with new accessible vault toilets. Approximately six toilet buildings are planned, depending on funding.

**Location:** District-wide.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Analysis proceeding. Scoping has revealed no extraordinary circumstances.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2001-Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

### **15 Diamond Drive Reconstruction (formerly West Cascade Exploration Route Link)**

**Purpose and Need:** This project would reconstruct the middle segment of a proposed scenic byway, linking

Estacada, Oakridge, and Ashland. This byway would expand recreational driving opportunities and tourism.

**Proposal:** Convert single lane routes (portions of roads 2154, 6000-770, and 6000-700) on the Willamette and Umpqua National Forests to double lane paved roads.

Complete geotechnical investigation, design, construction, striping, and traffic control devices. Existing partnerships between the Forest Service, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration are coordinating and funding completion of gateway and information portals at Estacada, McKenzie Ranger Station, Blue River and Westfir.

**Location:** Willamette Side – T24S, R5E, Sec. 21, 22, 26, 27, 35, 36; T25S, R5E, Sec. 1, 12, 13; T25S, R5 ½ E, Sec. 36. T26S, R5E, Sec. 1. T26S, R6E, Sec. 6, 7, 8, & 17.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2002 - Decision Notice

**Contact Person:** Steve Nelson or Keith Bond

### **7 Boat Ramp Extensions**

**Proposal:** The proposed project is to extend the C and M Loop boat ramps in Diamond Lake Campground. The existing ramps are too short to accommodate many boat trailers and often trailer wheels drop off the end of the ramp. The project would extend the 2 boat ramps in Diamond Lake Campground eight feet each by adding 2 four-foot pre-cast concrete sections to each ramp. Very little ground disturbance is anticipated. The proposed completion date is June 2003.

**Location:** T28S, R5.5E, Sec.9 & 16.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Action.

**Status:** Proposed Action

**Projected Decision Date:** June 2002-Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

### **33 Kelsay Point Red Cinder Pit Use**

**Proposal:** The allow removal of 6000 to 7000 cubic yards of red cinders from the Kelsay Point Red Cinder Pit by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for winter use as sanding material on State Hwys. 97, 138, & 230.

**Location:** Kelsay Point Red Cinder Pit; T26S, R6E, Sec.21, W.M.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Action.

ODOT's request was received in July of 2000. Input is being accepted for this project.

**Status:** Project is under review by staff specialists.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001-Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Mark Tacheny

## **Special Use Permits**

### **12 Diamond Lake Summer Homes**

**Proposal:** Project is within the Diamond Lake Summer Home Tract for activities requested by permit holders for construction projects within their permit area. Requested projects are typically additions to existing cabins, construction of storage sheds, less than 130 square feet, and repair of septic or water systems.

**Location:** T28S, R5E, Sec. 1 and 12.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The project is in the developmental stage.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2001-Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

### **13 Ramcell Communications Sites**

**Proposal:** Proposed project is in response to a permit request from Ramcell Communications to construct and install three communication sites. The purpose of the proposed project is for Ramcell to provide cellular communications along State Hwy 138 where cellular service does not currently exist. The proposed communication sites would include a tower, equipment building, power supply, and security fence. Proposed sites are approximately 1/8 acre each. Two sites are located along existing roadways and the third approximately 500 feet beyond an existing road.

**Location:** T26S, R1E Sec 7 and 8; T26S, R3E, Sec. 34 and 35; T26S, R3E, Sec. 26.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** On hold, pending biological opinion from USFWS.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2001-Decision Notice.

**Contact Person:** Pat Williams

### **30 ODOT Storage Tank**

**Proposal:** The purpose and need for the project is for storage of road de-icing compound at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Lemolo Maintenance Station. The compound is to be used for winter highway maintenance. The proposal is to construct a pad and spill containment area for a 6000-gallon tank for the storage of magnesium chloride de-icing solution.

**Location:** T26S, R5½E Sec. 36.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed action.

**Projected Decision Date:** On hold.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

## **Watershed Restoration and Improvement Projects**

### **16 Toketee/Bull Hazardous Fuels**

**Purpose and Need:** Reduce the fire hazard and create defensible space around structures in the Toketee Adm. Site, Toketee Campground, Clearwater Village and Lemolo #2; restore components and processes of the historic fire regime to some portions of the planning area.  
**Proposal:** Use a combination of handpile and burning, removing hazardous fuels, and underburn up to 1500 acres within the planning area.

**Location:** T26S, R3E, Sec. 13, 25, 35, and 36.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the October 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Analysis/surveys proceeding.

**Projected Decision Date:** February 2002- Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Jill Napper

### **23 Lemolo 2 Canal Roads**

**Proposal:** This project will upgrade drainage and stabilize fillslopes on roads 3400.078, 3400.077, 3400.072, and 2610.000. This project is necessary to reduce the likelihood of damage to the Lemolo 2 Canal. The project will repair or replace culverts, install gabions, lower fill heights, install riprap, and install erosion control matting. Reduced sediment production and transport will be an additional benefit.

**Location:** T25S, R5E, Sec. 31-33; T25S, R4E, Sec. 36; T25.5S, R4E, Sec. 36.

**Public Input:** Analysis proceeding. The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The project is being dropped.

**Contact Person:** Mike Kinney

### **29 Diamond Lake Loop Road**

**Proposal:** To reconstruct Roads 4795 and 6592 in order to provide an adequate transportation facility for the Diamond Lake Campsite. These roads provide access for approximately 700,000 visitors per year to three campgrounds, 102 summer homes, one RV Park, and a permittee resort. The proposal is to remove hazard trees, provide additional drainage, conduct minor realignment, place aggregate, and overlay asphalt.

**Location:** T27S, R5½E, Sec. 32; T28S, R5½E, Sec. 4, 9, 16, 21.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Analysis proceeding. Scoping has revealed no extraordinary circumstances.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2001-Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Keith Bond

### **21 Spring Fire Restoration**

**Purpose and Need:** Recent stocking surveys show that reforestation is not occurring naturally within the area of stand replacement fire inside LSR-222 caused by the Spring Fire of 1996. These areas are mostly void of seed sources and are defined as artificial reforestation priority 1 in the South Cascades Late Successional Reserve Assessment. In order to accelerate late successional habitat, protect site quality, and reduce soil erosion within the LSR, reforestation is necessary.

**Proposal:** The District proposes to artificially restock this area with native tree species, using both hand seeding and planting techniques, according to the Regional Ecosystem Office exemption criteria for reforestation.

**Location:** T26S, R3E.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2002-Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Rick Abbott

### **Wildlife Habitat Improvement Projects for 2002**

**Proposal:** Several small mitigation and habitat enhancement projects are proposed within the District. Proposed treatment include forage seeding or plantings to improve big game habitat conditions, wildlife nesting or denning structure creation, road closures, mechanical weed treatment, mechanical regeneration of browse species, wetland enhancements and restoration, removal of old fencing, conifer control in meadows, and a water development. Other actions include the application of State of Oregon approved biological controls to Thorn Prairie to combat St. Johnswort, and the development of wildlife interpretive signs along the Dellenback Bike Trail.

**Location:** Multiple locations across the Diamond Lake District.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed Action

**Projected Decision Date:** May 2002, Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Jeff Bohler

## **11 Skookum Bog Restoration Project**

**Purpose and Need:** The Alkali Cattle Allotment administered by the Rogue/Siskiyou Forest currently has cattle on the Diamond Lake RD that are negatively impacting a unique Sphagnum bog ecosystem at the headwaters of Skookum Creek. Excluding the cattle from the area along with restoring the native plant community is necessary to conserve the unique area.

**Proposal:** Fence the entire area where the plant Sphagnum is the dominant vegetation. If deemed necessary restore through propagation the Sphagnum and other native plants growing on site.

**Location:** T 28S R 4E Section 11

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed action.

**Projected Decision Date:** June 2002 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Clint Emerson

## **4 Rush Skeleton Weed Removal**

**Purpose and Need:** Rush Skeleton Weed (*Chondrilla juncea*), a high priority noxious weed on the Umpqua National Forest, has infested a 30-acre plantation in the Copeland Creek watershed. This species has high potential to rapidly spread throughout other nearby ecosystems like Oak Flats.

**Proposal:** The proposal is to interplant the plantation with quick growing, densely canopied trees which in theory will shade out the Rush Skeleton Weed over time. In addition it is proposed to decommission the last .7 miles of the 700 Rd. and the 720 Rd. that acted as logging operation roads in the 30-acre unit.

**Location:** T 26S R 2E section 24

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed Action.

**Projected Decision Date:** June 2002 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Clint Emerson

## **Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter**

### **19 Kelsey Valley Trailhead Toilet Installation**

**Purpose and Need:** This project is intended to reduce the likelihood of unsanitary conditions developing in a riparian reserve area of Bradley Creek. It is needed

because existing facilities are outdated and have inadequate capacity for periods of above average use.

**Proposal:** This project will install a CXT Gunnison style (or equivalent) toilet at the Porcupine Connect (1412) Trailhead.

**Location:** T26S, R6E, Section 10. From the junction of Hwy 138 and forest road 60 proceed north to the junction of road 60 and 600958. Kelsey Valley Camp is located at the end of road 958.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the October Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Project is ready to implement.

**Decision Date:** Decision Memo signed July 11, 2001

**Contact Person:** Mike Kinney

### **18 ERFO 03-06-97**

**Purpose and Need:** To improve watershed health through the repair of Forest Road 2800-620 at milepost 0.10.

**Proposal:** Realignment of road, lowering of grade, removal of excess material, and placement of base rock surfacing.

**Location:** T26S, R3E, Sec. 31.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Decision Date:** Decision Memo signed on July 17, 2001.

**Contact Person:** Keith Bond

### **14 Yogi Stream Channel Stabilization**

**Purpose and Need:** Reduce existing and potential sediment sources to the Trap Creek and Clearwater River stream systems through reduction of sediment delivery from two unnamed tributaries. This project would meet the intent of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives since it would aid in restoring the sediment regime under which aquatic ecosystems evolved, the physical integrity of the aquatic system, and the water quality necessary to support healthy riparian, aquatic, and wetland ecosystems.

**Proposal:** Stabilize one small area each, on the banks of one Class III and one Class IV stream by re-contouring, rip-rapping and planting native vegetation on the banks, and instream placement of large woody debris. All work would occur from outside the stream.

**Location:** T. 27 S., R. 5 E., Section 7, NW of the SW, and T. 27 S., R. 4 E., Section 2, SE of the SE.

**Public Input:** The scoping began with the mailing of the October 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Decision Date:** Decision Memo signed September 2001.

**Contact Person:** Craig Street

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